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## News and Events

### **Success by Degrees at Commencement**

Commencement 2012 was one – or two – for the record books.

Consider the numbers:

- More than 2,400 bachelor's, master's, and doctoral graduates were awarded diplomas in a single day.
- Both the morning and afternoon Commencement ceremonies took place before full-house audiences at the Tinley Park Convention Center, with a seating capacity of about 4,900.
- It was the first time that two honorary doctorate recipients and two student speakers were honored on the same day.



Plus, Commencement took place on a picture-perfect day with blue skies, comfortable temperatures, and nary a cloud in the sky.

This year's Commencement was a three-day celebration of "Success by Degrees" at GSU. Commencement Weekend began with Thursday night's doctoral hooding ceremony. Forty-two CHHS doctoral graduates were honored at the hooding ceremony.

On Friday night, President Elaine P. Maimon hosted a dinner for honorary degree recipients Charles Lotton, a world-renowned glass artist, and Laurens Grant, an Emmy Award-winning documentary producer and director.



From start to finish, Saturday's twin Commencement ceremonies were a moving tribute to GSU's graduates, and to those who helped make their dreams come true – family members, other loved ones, and university faculty, administration, and staff.



Student speakers Erin Fletcher and Fredi Parks each delivered powerful messages to their fellow graduates, and to the entire GSU community. Lotton and Grant offered their own heartfelt observations on the wonderful lifelong journey awaiting graduates after Commencement.

Commencement is a time for thanks and GSU View would like to offer sincere thanks to the members of the GSU community who took part in all the weekend events. Thanks to you, Commencement unfolded smoothly despite the challenges of a record-breaking day. You helped make it a joyous occasion for everyone.

### **Be a Part of GSU History**

The Governors State University Oral History Project, sponsored by the GSU Library, is inviting all members of the university community to share memories and tales of GSU for everyone to hear. Stories will be recorded on the growth, impact, and life of GSU.

The staff of the library will conduct the interviews, which will be filmed, edited, and housed in the GSU Vault for public access. Participants will be required to sign a release.

Contact [Carol Machura](#) and schedule an interview time – And don't let retirement stop you. We will be sure to schedule an interview with all who are retiring before they embark on their next great adventure.

### **Crane Work**

A contractor will use a crane to hoist equipment on/off the roof of buildings C and D, tomorrow, May 22. For the D-building work, the crane will be located in the cafeteria loading dock area.

For the work on C-building, the C-entry parking area will be closed from 7 to 11 a.m. Entry doors to that building will be intermittently blocked as necessary for safety. Pedestrians will be directed to the B-entrance (by the pool) or the main entrance.

### **Summer Reading Tutoring**

GSU's graduate program in reading is sponsoring The Literacy Zone, a reading tutorial program for students in grades two through five. The program takes place Mondays through Thursdays, from July 5 through July 25, from 9 to 11 a.m.

This four week, one-to-one program brings students experiencing reading problems together with teachers who have the skills to help them. Students meet on the GSU campus with certified, experienced teachers enrolled in GSU's Master of Arts reading program. Students are expected to attend every session.

Enrollment is limited and based on the number of tutors. There is a \$70 registration fee. Students will be accepted in the order in which the completed application and registration fee are received. Transportation is not provided.

For more information, call 708.534.4122 or email [Dr. Mary Hession](#).

## **Meditation Sessions Are Back**

Meditation is a wonderful way to relieve stress. During the summer session, meditation sessions will be offered Thursdays, from noon to 1 p.m., in E1590. Sessions are free and everyone is welcome.

## **Envelopes Need New Barcode**

As GSU's Mail Services makes the transition to Intelligent Mail barcodes, the existing Postnet barcodes will soon be retired. GSU departments need to be prepared for the change to Intelligent Mail. Any departments with Postnet business reply envelopes should order the new envelopes.

To be eligible for automation prices, mailings of letter-size and flat-size mail pieces, as well as postcards, will need to have an Intelligent Mail barcode. Permit Reply Mail and Qualified Business Reply Mail will also be required to have an Intelligent Mail barcode.

To have your business reply envelopes revised, contact [Lindsay Gladstone](#) or [Tom Houlihan](#) in the Office of Marketing and Communications.

## **No Mice Allowed**

Mice may be cute and furry in the world of cartoons. But, in the real world, it's a different story. At GSU, we need to take precautions so that mice don't find a home in our office drawers or elsewhere on campus.

Make sure that food, candy, and condiments are in closed containers made of heavy plastic or glass. Don't place large amounts of napkins in drawers since mice might use them as bedding material.

Don't make GSU an attractive living space for rodent pests. By keeping mice off campus, you'll be making GSU a healthier place.

